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Galway Digital Radio Group

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The Galway Digital Radio Group's DMR Repeater, EI7AKR, is now active from its new location - a high site near Abbeyknockmoy, Co Galway on Saturday 26th of October. Following the installation of a new antenna, programming and fine tuning of cavity filters, the repeater linked into the Brandmeister Network immediately and commenced passing traffic at 16:00 UTC. The System transmits on 430.825 (MHz) with an input frequency of 438.825, a Colour Code of 1 and an output power of 40 Watts into a 4-Stack omnidirectional array. Coverage predictions show this repeater will cover a wide area of Galway with a additional coverage into neighbouring counties. This is the third of four repeaters to be placed on air within one year. A fourth DMR Repeater will be installed on in Loughrea fairly soon. Once the network is completed it will be possible to roam between repeaters throughout Galway and well into neighbouring counties with seamless operation. Reports are welcomed wrights1@eircom.net



Galway Radio Experimenter's Club AGM

The Galway Radio Experimenter's Club AGM will be held on Sunday the 10th of November at 3:30pm in the Menlo Park Hotel, Galway. The annual Christmas dinner will take place in the Menlo Park Hotel on Friday the 17th of January 2020 at 8pm. The GREC is in the process of completing an Annual journal which they intend to send to radio clubs around the country. It would be interesting if other clubs would send a copy of their newsletter in exchange.

Shannon Basin Radio club AGM

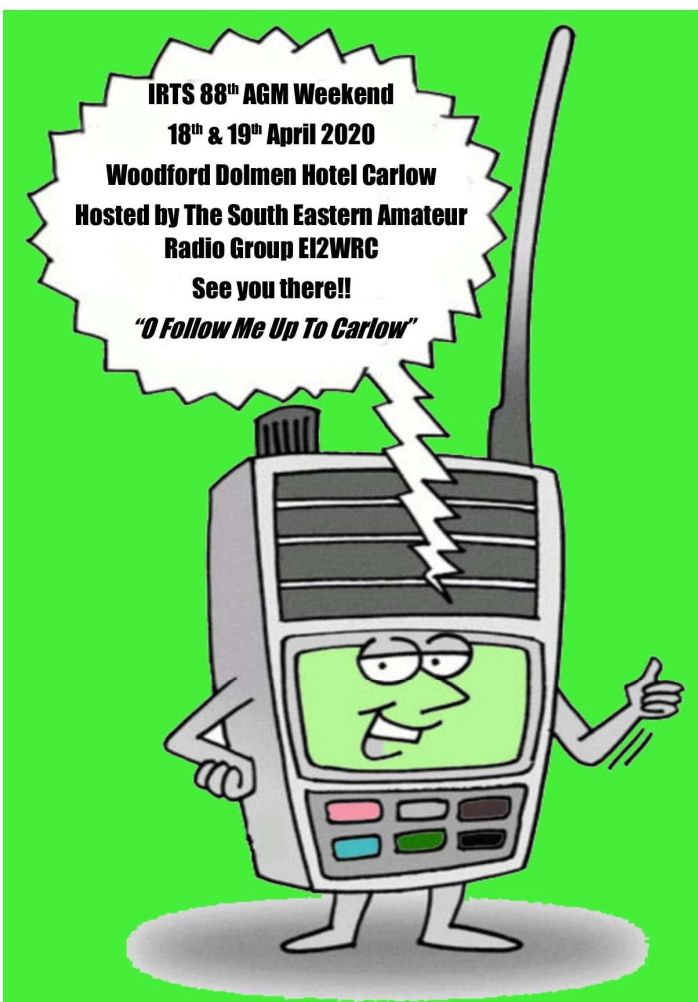
Shannon Basin Radio Club will be holding its AGM in Hannon's Hotel Roscommon on Wednesday the 11th December at 20:00. All members are requested to attend and anyone wishing to join the club is more than welcome. Refreshments provided on the night. Please see www.sbrcl.ie or club Facebook page for more details.

Skerries Radio club - EI2NCR

The club is in the process of replacing the coaxial cable on the HF and VHF aerials and also checking the poles and hardware making sure everything is winter ready. Morse code classes will be starting in a couple of weeks. As it getting near the end of the year the club members are well on the way to save up for their annual Christmas Dinner. The club meet every Tuesday night from 19:30 hrs to 22:00 hrs in the Sailing club on Harbour Road.

Reciprocal Operation on 5MHz in Portugal

It has been announced that foreign stations were observed using the 60m band as part of their CEPT license (CT7 / Portugal). However, operation in Portugal is only permitted with the special authorization of the Portuguese regulator ANACOM, as the band is shared with the military. The WRC -15 frequencies and the still authorized older frequencies 5288.5 (kHz), 5371.5, 5380.5 and 5403.5 are not covered by CEPT licenses in Portugal. All stations that operate as a CT7 / Callsign / P radio, therefore, send illegally on the 60-m band, unless they have specifically received permission to do so. This also applies to CT8 (CEPT licenses for the Azores) and CT9 (CEPT licenses for Madeira).



WIA Grid Square Award

The WIA DX Awards Committee is pleased to announce that the popular Grid Square Award is being re-launched. Improvements to the award include endorsements, standings, and a new modern certificate which recognises the worldwide nature of this award. The Grid Square Award is available as recognition of the appropriate number of confirmed contacts with Amateur Radio stations in Grid Squares. Its purpose is to stimulate interest in the IARU grid-square system. The ARRL also runs an annual *International Grid Chase*. The world is divided into 324 grids, each divided into 100 squares. This gives a total of 32,400 possible Grid Squares. Of course, many of these are in the middle of the world's oceans, so the actual number of workable grid squares is much smaller. Individual WIA Grid Square Awards, together with endorsements, are available for HF, 6M, 2M, 70cm, 23cm, and SHF. Current grid square counts will be displayed in a Standing list.. More information from: <http://www.wia.org.au/members/wiadxawards/gridsquare/>

For Sale

Complete HF antenna system comprising two section telescopic 40 foot tower with tabernacle section fitted. Winch, thrust bearing, Hy Gain Ham IV rotator and controller included along with some controller cable and coax. The antenna is an Optibeam 11. Manuals for beam, rotator and controller included.

Buyer collects.

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Use this link to renew your membership for another year
www.irts.ie/renew

Local Nets

Shannon Basin 2m Net

The Shannon Basin Radio Club is holding a net on 145.350 MHz every Thursday at 21:00 local time. Both members and non-members are welcome with the aim of promoting the use of 2 meters



EI VHF Activity Nights

1st Tues of the month - 2m
2nd Tues of the month - 70cms
3rd Tues of the month - 4m & 6m
4th Tues of the month - Digital

Approx 7 to 10pm







Handmade Shack Gadgets

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Galway Digital Net

Every Monday 8:30pm

DMR TG 2724
Allstar node 29884
Fusion C4FM YSF node 04251
Fusion C4FM Wires-x node 41411
Echolink node 883269



Contests – November 2019

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) : [RSGB HF Contests](#) : [UKEICC Contests](#) : [IRTS Contests](#)

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| Mon 4 | 20:00 | 90 minutes | RSGB FT4 | 80m, work everyone, use FT4 NA VHF Contest format |
| Wed 6 | 20:00 | 1 hour | UKEICC SSB | 80m, work everyone, exchange Locators, e.g. IO63 |
| Sat 9 | 00:00 | 48 hours | WAE DX RTTY | 80-10m, serials, work everyone, see rules for QTCs |
| Sat 9 | 12:00 | 24 hours | OK-OM DX CW | 160-10m, work OK/OL/OM only, send serial, receive district |
| Sat 9 | 20:00 | 3 hours | RSGB AFS SSB/CW | 160m, work everyone, exchange serials |
| Mon 11 | 20:00 | 90 minutes | RSGB Autumn Series DATA | 80m, exchange serials, Els work UK only |
| Sat 16 | 12:00 | 24 hours | LZ DX SSB/CW | 80-10m, work everyone, send ITU zone, receive LZ district |
| Sat 16 | 19:00 | 4 hours | RSGB 1.8MHz CW | 160m, work everyone, serials, receive District Code from UK |
| Wed 20 | 20:00 | 90 minutes | RSGB Autumn Series SSB | 80m, exchange serials, Els work UK only |
| Sat 23 | 00:00 | 48 hours | CQWW DX CW | 160-10m, exchange CQ Zone (14 for EI/GI entrants) |
| Wed 27 | 20:00 | 1 hour | UKEICC CW | 80m, work everyone, exchange Locators, e.g. IO63 |
| Thu 28 | 20:00 | 90 minutes | RSGB Autumn Series CW | 80m, exchange serials, Els work UK only |
| Every | Wed | 60 mins | CWops Mini Contests | 160-10m, three separate CW contests |

List compiled by Joe [EI7GY](#) (All times are UTC)